

The VVFC News Alert BACKPAGE

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Medicaid, HMO's, and famis

Do you understand VVFC eligibility for these groups?

Patients under the age of 19 are eligible to receive VVFC vaccines if they do not have any private health insurance (self-pay), are American Indian/Alaskan Native, are underinsured (at FQHCs or RHCs only), or if they are enrolled in Medicaid, Medallion, or a Medicaid HMO (Medallion II). HMOs that administer Medicaid through Medallion II include Virginia Premier Health Plan/ Medicaid Managed Care, Sentara Family Care, CareNet, UniCare Medicaid Managed Care, and Trigon HealthKeepers Plus.

However, these same HMOs administer the state insurance program FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance, formerly CMSIP). FAMIS patients are **not** eligible to receive VVFC vaccines. FAMIS is not Medicaid. Check patients' insurance cards for the "FAMIS" word or logo.

A good rule of thumb: If a patient has a co-pay, the patient is not eligible to receive VVFC vaccines.



Remember to use private vaccine stock to vaccinate patients who are enrolled in FAMIS or who have private health insurance. Do not use VVFC vaccines. To bill for FAMIS, use the appropriate CPT codes to be reimbursed for the vaccine serum and the administration/injection.

Pediarix: DTaP, IPV, Hep B Combo

The FDA has approved a new combination vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, Pediarix. Pediarix contains 5 antigens; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, and hepatitis B. VVFC expects to have Pediarix available for facilities to order in April. Once Pediarix is available through VVFC, Medicaid will reimburse for the vaccine administration fee. Check your Medicaid Remittance Voucher for Pediarix billing information.

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Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Pediatric Associates North, Charlottesville
Southside Pediatrics, P.C., Farmville
Dominion Medical Center, King George*

(Practice rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

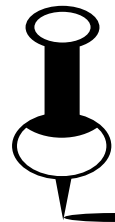
Waynesboro Pediatrics, P.L.C., Waynesboro

Reminder: VVFC does not provide BCG vaccine for tuberculosis or TB skin tests.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE VVFC OFFICE AT 1-800-568-1929

Updated Information

Included in this mailing are the following updated documents for immediate implementation at your facility:



- VVFC Return Form
 - VVFC Replacement Form
 - MMR Vaccine Information Statement
(Publication Date 1/15/03)
 - 2003 Childhood Immunization Schedule
- Please discard old documents.**

Smallpox Vaccine



- VVFC does not anticipate offering the Smallpox vaccine.
- VVFC Consultants are distributing reference posters with pictures and information comparing Smallpox with Chicken Pox infections.

• Information on Smallpox vaccine, including a VIS, can be found on CDC's website (<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/infopacket.asp>)

VVFC Customer Survey

Please help us improve the program by offering your valuable feedback! We have included a survey in this mailing for you to complete. **Please fax it to the VVFC office at (804) 786-5738.** VVFC Consultants will also be collecting surveys at Quality Assurance reviews for your convenience.



VVFC Eligibility Clarification

In the October/November 2000 edition of The Backpage, it was stated that patients with **Medicaid as secondary insurance** are eligible for VVFC vaccine. This is only true if their primary insurance does not cover vaccines. If their primary insurance covers vaccines, the child is **not** eligible for VVFC vaccines.

